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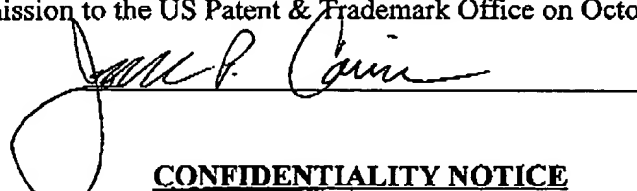
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Applicant: Fujimoto et al.  
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AMENDMENT-B

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 13 as shown on the attached sheets (including a clean version of the amended claims and a copy of the amended claims showing the changes with brackets and underscoring). Also, please cancel claim 11 without prejudice, and without dedication or abandonment of the subject matter thereof.

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present Preliminary Amendment-A the claims in the application are claims in the application are claims 1-10 and 12-20, of which claim 1 is independent.

Claim 1 is amended to further define that the overcoat layer has a surface polarity opposite to that of tin oxide, while claim 13 is amended by deleting the language "between the undercoat film and the tin oxide layer" at the end of the claim.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the above amendments are fully supported by the original application, including the discussion at page 3, lines 7-16, and that no new matter is

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